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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Munetaka TSUDA

Confirmation No. 2675

Application No.: 09/535,241

Group Art Unit: 2862

Filed: March 27, 2000

Examiner: Tiffany A. Fetzner

For: MAGNETIC RESONANCE  
IMAGING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR MAINTAINING  
HIGH UNIFORMITY OF  
MAGNETIC FIELD IN MAGNETIC  
RESONANCE IMAGING  
APPARATUS

Attorney Docket No.: 9202-0009

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND REPLY  
WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 27, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 8 of this paper.